

**Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, January 15, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson.  
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**TO MRS. JACKSON.**

Washington, January 15, 1824.

*My Dear wife*, I have recd your kind and affectionate letter of the 28th December with one from our son inclosed. I am rejoiced to hear of your health and Spirits and pray that they may continue untill I return. I have been kept too busy since my arival to adopt your advice of retiring early; you know my habits when at home; when I am without company I retire at 9: when I have company, at 10–11, as the company desire; but here when the early part of the evening is spent with my friends who visit me the latter must be spent in attention to duty and to business; one thing I can assure you, that I take as much care of my health as I can, and am happy to say to you, it has improved and is as good as I have any right to expect it. I thank you for your prayers, mine is offered up for a continuation of your health, may the[y] be heard. Say to Colo. Butler all things progress slowly, as usual, fair promises, without acts, I have the Presidents positive promise that something shall be done for him, but what that may be I cannot say, The Survayor District in Florida if the law passes. Present me to all friends and delivered the inclosed letter to my son, and believe me to be your affectionate Husband